Then you wanted a building to house the Municipal Office. Orders have been passed by the Government for the acquisition of a site. If the Municipality is not in a position to find out a site, it may pass a resolution, prepare a scheme, submit it Government and then Government will consider it.

MEMBER: I am saying that as a member of the Municipality.

DEWAN: There are certain matters which have to be disposed of by means of official correspondence between the Municipality and the Government. If the Municipality addresses the Government, they will consider it.

As regards the public offices compound, I understand that all the officers who are using the various buildings in that compound have been addressed and asked to arrange for the premises attached to their respective offices being kept in a sanitary condition.

MEMBER: But as a matter of fact the premises are not kept clean.

DEWAN: Let the Municipality report about it. Then about lights, the Municipality did address the Government and the Municipal Council was asked to provide its own funds and, if it was not possible, to apply to Government.

85. Needs of the Chirayinkil taluk.

MR. KANAKKU MARTANDA PILLAI PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Chirayinkil taluk*) first spoke about the need for constructing bridges across the Puttanar, the Kochar and the Mamam rivers. Formerly there were two wooden bridges across the Puttanar, but they had long since been damaged. The people and the school-going children were put to much hardship and inconvenience for want of bridges over the Puttanar. The ferry service did not meet their requirements fully. Bridges should therefore be constructed over the river without delay. Another bridge should be constructed across the Kochar which was mid-way between Chirayinkil and Kadakkavur, an important coir manufacturing centre. There also there was a bridge in days gone by. The ferry service was not sufficient fully to meet the requirements of the public. The river was only 25 feet wide and a wooden bridge could be constructed over it without incurring a large expenditure. Another bridge across the Mamam river was absolutely necessary for the use of the agriculturists. A small wooden bridge, 4 feet wide, on the northern or southern side of the Sarkara temple, would be sufficient and should be constructed at an early date. A bridge should also be constructed at the Azhur ferry.

The Valiakada market at Chirayinkil, where three thousand people gathered daily, was located in an area of only ten cents of land. As the market was situated very close to the public road, where there was incessant motor traffic, accidents, resulting in loss of lives, happened not infrequently. There was a distance of only four furlongs from that market to the Parvathipuram market, which was also located close to

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the road. It would be a blessing to the inhabitants of the locality if the two markets were amalgamated and held in a more convenient place. There was a suitable site available near the Chirayinkil hospital. It should be acquired for the purpose.

There were three *chiras* in the Chirayinkil taluk, which were very important from the standpoint of the agriculturists, namely, the Avanavancherry, Kizhvalam and Azhur *chiras*. The owners of the adjoining lands, however, made encroachments on them, adding portions thereof to their lands, and deprived the poor ryots of the sole means of irrigating their fields. Government should issue stringent instructions for the restoration and improvement of the *chiras* and for the prevention of registry of portions thereof in future.

There was failure of crops in the extensive paddy fields adjoining the river Puravur in the Chirayinkil taluk, due to breach of bunds during floods. It could be prevented by the raising and strengthening, for a distance of two miles, of the banks of the Puravur river. Government should render every possible help to the ryots in the matter.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Parameswaran Pillai, as regards your first point about a bridge at Puttanar, there is a provision in the budget and that will be taken up soon. As regards the Kochar bridge, it was found by the Chief Engineer that there was no necessity for a bridge, and ferry service will serve the purpose. That is why a ferry service has been opened recently. If you are not satisfied, your suggestion can be placed before the Road Board. You want a bridge over the Azhur ferry. That also will be referred to the Road Board.

Your second point was about the amalgamation of the two markets and the location of the combined market on a proper site. That is a matter which is engaging the attention of Government and the Division Peishkar is looking out for a site. The Peishkar will be asked to report on the site you suggested; and, when his report is received, necessary orders will be passed.

As regards the *chiras* in Avanavanchery, Kizhavalam and Azhur, they all require investigation. Government have received a list of 150 tanks that require restoration. They will also be referred to the Irrigation Committee that is to be formed and the *chiras* will be then investigated.

As regards the conservancy of the banks of the Puravur river, that is a matter which has not been investigated. The Chief Engineer will be asked to investigate it.

86. Needs of the traders of the Quilon town.

MR. AYUB ADAM SAIT (*Trading Classes, Quilon*) said that action was taken by Government on some of the suggestions made by him in his representation at the previous session of the Assembly on the above subject and he made the following further suggestions:—

(1) Drains should be constructed on either side of the three roads (Main road, Bazaar road and Tobacco bankshall-Thamarac road) lying between the Big bridge and the Chinakada junction.

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